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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JUDITH HEUMANN TO SPEAK AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--Judith Heumann, Associate Director, World Institute on Disability, will speak at Eastern Illinois University's Booth Library Lecture Room at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 2. There is no admission charge.

Heumann, an internationally known advocate on civil rights for the disabled, will discuss "Growing Old in a Handicapped Society." The lecture reflects her lifelong involvement in issues concerning the disabled and aging.

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Co-founder of the World Institute on Disability and the Center for Independent Living, Heumann has authored numerous publications related to women, disability and aging. Recently she was featured on ABC's "Nightline."

Heumann will review the kind of life senior citizens with disabilities can look forward to and will envision an old age with dignity, respect and productivity. Using the philosophy behind the independent living/civil rights movement which has empowered thousands of younger people with disabilities, a new movement is arising aimed at empowering the elderly community.

In addition to the public lecture, Heumann will direct of workshop, August 1-4, on "Crisis Issues for the Disabled and the Aging: Ethics and Social Responsibility." The workshop and lecture are part of the Distinguished Visiting Faculty summer program at Eastern focusing on the summer theme, "Ethics and Social Responsibility: An American Crisis."

For information on workshop registration, contact Dr. Charles Switzer, Summer School Director, at (217)581-2023.